

## FORD DONATES FOUR GALLONS OF BLOOD

by Laura Annie Allen

On Friday, Nov. 8, 34 brave Bishop Ford students donated blood at Methodist Hospital. Mr. Tom, who annually runs the National Honor Society's blood drive in May, shuttled these students by van back and forth to the hospital. The reason for this early drive was to help Methodist Hospital with the blood shortage that usually arises around the holidays.

Mr. Tom was happy about the turnout but wished more people would donate. "Someday they (the students) will need blood and hope some people will donate for them."

The seniors had different reasons why they donated blood. Eurydice Butkovich commented, "I wanted to help other people and members of my family who might need blood in the future."

Liz Ansbro gave, "Because it's fun!"

Michael Tradd said, "I wanted to get out of class."

Alberto Gancitano gave blood, "Because it is a way of sharing that goes far beyond any other material donations I can give."

Arlene Carofo, the blood donor recruiter at Methodist Hospital, thought it was "terrific" about Bishop Ford donating: "We hope that your students setting the example will encourage other high schools and community members to stop by the hospital and donate blood."

To donate blood is easy, and there are only a few requirements. You must be between 17 and 66 years of age, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. A medical history is taken before to find out if there is anything that might affect your eligibility to be a blood donor. Then a drop of blood is analyzed to be sure you're not anemic, and your pulse, blood pressure and temperature are checked. The entire donating process takes about thirty minutes.

Clyde Seawright, the supervisor of the blood bank, thought it was wonderful for a school to participate in such an event. He felt that when the first-time donor is younger, the fear of giving is not so great. He hoped we would give regularly in the future. He said, "We need the younger population's blood because they have better blood and we refuse fewer of them."

Please, if you meet the requirements and are interested in giving blood, see Mr. Tom. Donating blood is a generous act, a gift that only you can give to someone in need.



# HIGH POINT

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## SIXTH ANNUAL DANCE-A-THON PLANNED

by Edward Colgan

Bishop Ford's annual dance-a-thon, the twenty-four hour super dance which raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, is not too far off. It will begin on Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. and it will end on Saturday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.

How successful is the dance-a-thon? Well, Mr. Campanero, Moderator, proudly explains, "Bishop Ford is the only high school to have raised \$20,000.00 or more in each of the past four years and is the only school to have had a representative appear in Las Vegas at the muscular dystrophy telethon in each of the past four years."

To participate in the dance-a-thon, a student must collect a minimum of \$100. No student will be admitted into the dance-a-thon to watch. Parents of the dancers are welcome, as are Bishop Ford alumni. Students who attend must bring a sleeping bag and a change of clothes.

At the dance-a-thon there will be entertainment such as dancers, jugglers, and magicians, and food will be provided by Navin Brothers. Also, Jack the Wack from Z100 will be back again this year.

Prizes awarded are: a trip to Puerto Rico for the student who raises the most money, two tickets to Florida, and two Mets tickets.



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Chalk Circle Players have completed their thirteenth production under the direction of Mr. Mingrone. Congratulations to the cast: Alberto Gancitano, Maria Summers, Dawn Marie Pizzichillo, Jennifer Buonafede, Dina Prostamo, Anthony Scotto, Philip DelRocco, Tina Pagano, Kevin Mannino, Nicholas Basso, James Mogavero, John Guarrera, Deidre Winslow, Beth Schebece, Larry Callahan. And a round of applause for the excellent work done by the tech crew.

## REHEARSAL FOR MURDER



## Ecology Club Keeps Active

by John Trindade

The Ecology Club is growing strong in this 85-86 school year. The club's moderator is Mrs. Skalecky. Mrs. Skalecky is on maternity leave. She has a baby boy by the name of Patrick John. He is twenty-two months old. People join this club for the educational experience, for fun, and because they have an interest in science.

Last year the Ecology Club scheduled trips to collect specimens for the school's salt-water tanks to Coney Island, Gateway and Dead Horse Bay. In December they celebrate Christmas at Mrs. Skalecky's annual Christmas party. Because of the lack of time in the school year, sophomore biology classes can't study evolution in depth. For this reason, the Ecology Club

learned about evolution by seeing a number of movies. They ended the year by going to the Bronx Zoo.

The Ecology Club was scheduled to go collecting at Coney Island, Gateway and Dead Horse Bay last October. When they went to Dead Horse Bay, they caught buckets of fish, muscles, shrimp, snails, crabs, and one clam. They catch these specimens by putting on waders and going into the water with a long net. One person stays still while the other walks around him, creating a circle with the largest locus possible. This was one of their best collecting trips ever. The collectors were Jocelyn Baginski, Theresa Kelly, Martina Heitland, Richard McManus, Susan Stumpf and John Trindade.

At the beginning of the year, the members had a lot

of fun when they went apple picking. They are also planning to publish a magazine which will be called *Humus*. Members celebrated Halloween by having a party which was a success.

The Science Club is planning to go to Boston in the spring to learn about its history and scientific background. They are also sponsoring their annual Earth Day Tree Fund collection in March. Each Ford student is asked to contribute 10¢. Because our shrubs and grass are dying, the school needs a greenery face lift. For this reason, try to give a little more.

If you want to be a member of the Ecology Club, it's not too late. Just go to one of their meetings and say, "I want to join." The Ecology Club meets every Tuesday at dismissal in room 174.

## Madonna Appears at Senior Halloween Party

by Barbra Trukawinski

On October 25, 1985 in the school cafeteria, the senior Halloween party was held. It started at 8 p.m. and ended at midnight. There was a disc jockey and a lot of dancing. Soda was available to drink. To eat there was a big hero of ham, two kinds of cheese, turkey, salami, mushrooms, onions, lettuce and tomatoes, which was cut up into pieces. The place was decorated with streamers and balloons in orange and black. Hanging in the center of the cafeteria was a skeleton.

Many people showed up in costumes, but others were "party-poopers" and didn't wear costumes. There were doctors, nurses, waitresses, nuns, priests, vampires, bums, Santa Claus, three little pigs, and many guys dressed up as

girls. As the evening drew to a close there was a costume contest. There were three different categories: male, female, and couples or groups. The judges were a group of teachers that showed up. The winners were: best male costume—Vito Lodato as Madonna; best female costume—Colleen Donahue, as a bag of jelly beans (finished in a tie with Antoinette Ventola as a hula dancer); group costumes—Brian Coughlan, Jimmy Phelan, Dermot Brennan, and Ronnie Rutigliano as a cop and convicts. The prizes were \$10 individual and \$20 for the group.

It was a good party, thanks to Dr. Defina, who is senior activities coordinator, Jose Ortega, Senior Class President, and the Senior Activities Committee.



Madonna and a slightly tanned Sean Penn.



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT: *Modern Relaxation*

by Renee Johnson

Let's stop kidding ourselves! We know that the student government is not the success it could be. The reasons for this lie in a lack of honesty among the student body, the inadequate number of truly concerned candidates, and the sometimes poor attitudes of the elected. Every year we are brought to the auditorium with our social studies classes to be introduced to the candidates, and every year Mr. Campanaro stresses the importance of honesty in participating in the elections. Unfortunately, we come with varied responses to this, and both candidates and voters view the election on its surface.

Many times students will vote for friends, even if their friends do not have leadership qualities. Students also joke about voting and deliberately vote for the most unqualified candidate. Another famous technique is to vote for the cutest boy or girl, once again not calling to mind the person's qualifications. These are wrong approaches, and if the time should arrive when a knowledgeable representative is called for, this person will not be able to perform well.

The number of candidates who run for governmental positions because they are truly interested in representing the students is quite low. Once again, they take the surface viewpoint and run for office because it will look outstanding on college applications. In other words, they are interested in what they will get, instead of in what they can give to their fellow students.

Once in office, some serious students begin to lose sight of their duty, and those who were not serious become completely snobbish. They are glowing in the glamor and sometimes misuse their positions at other students' expense. Some may even take such a bold step as to get lazy with school work. Taking advantage of his or her position in the long run will take away more than it will give.

I don't think that student government is a complete failure, but I do think that some students should take into consideration its importance to other students. This year Bishop Ford is fortunate to have such qualified officials as Jose Ortega, the Senior Class President, and Richard McManus, the Junior Class President.

## COMING TO SAVE YOUR DAY?

by Christian Razukas

In working out the budget of the United States, Ronald Reagan has been increasing the amount of dollars going to N.A.S.A. At first it was for the development of the Space Shuttle, a much needed stepping stone to space exploration. Now even more money is being put into the shuttle and defense for the deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative (commonly referred to as the "Star Wars" system.) So much money has been put into defense for this project that the Pentagon's budget for space research is now larger than N.A.S.A.'s total budget.

As a supporter of the space program, I am not pleased to see its goal of space exploration compromised for the exploitation of a hitherto untouched strategic advantage. That, if realized, will force humanity into a corner. Perhaps some explanation is necessary. The SDI calls for a system of satellites capable of the detection and neutralization of nuclear weapons entering our airspace. When the system is developed, it is said that the federal government will share this knowledge with the Soviet Union, thus "making nuclear weapons obsolete."

I do believe that the United States will develop the SDI. However, I have problems visualizing the U.S.A. handing it over to the U.S.S.R. If the Soviets promised to give us the SDI, I doubt that we would believe them. I do not think that they trust us, either. When the balance of terror is removed and one side gains the upper hand, what is to stop that side from destroying the other? Good will? Good will against the "evil empire"? Some say that will not occur in the United States. But already there are those in power who say that, if the U.S. develops the SDI, we cannot allow the sophisticated computer technology, hard earned technology, to slip into the hands of our sworn enemies, the Soviets. If the U.S. develops and does not share SDI, for whatever reason, it will hold the destiny of the planet in its hands, unchecked by any force, short of divine intervention.

Can we use this power, if thrust upon us, wisely? We, a people who hail men like Bernard Goetz? Goetz, by breaking the rules set to protect society, has broken the deadlock, and destroyed the enemy, without mercy, in the name of his own particular view of justice. That issue, however morally ambiguous, must be considered a representation of what can happen when a people, weary of a long battle, suddenly gain a deadly advantage over the enemy. Will it be used for good or for a distorted image of good, more resembling evil?

Look at men who have had the advantage: Ramses, Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Hitler. All had the advantage, but all were checked at a horrible price. We will not have a check; SDI will see to that. We will have, for the first time in human history, truly absolute power.

## Who Are Those Guys?

by Alberto Gancitano

"Please join me in morning prayer . . ." How often have you heard these words and wondered who was saying them? Well, Student Ministries is responsible for that and much more.

If you're a junior, you soon will be going on retreat to Oyster Bay, Long Island. Once there, you will participate in a variety of different rap sessions and ice-breakers initiated by the Brothers at Oyster Bay and the Student Ministers.

You may be wondering what the purpose of these sessions is. Well, they are important because you can get to know yourself and some of your classmates better, and also improve your knowledge of things beyond 500 19th St.

The Student Ministries Course also initiates the liturgies and masses for special occasions and began the rap groups that were very popular here last year.

The ministers themselves number about thirty and are led by Brother Justin.

## On The Shelf

by Wilma Nicomedez

Playwright Wallace Shawn's new play, *Aunt Dan and Lemon*, introduces two extremely unusual characters. Aunt Dan is an Oxford tutor who defends Henry Kissinger's foreign policy. Aunt Lemon is the leading character who is an eccentric young Englishwoman who finds justification for the Nazis' genocide.

Shawn's ideas originate from a private intuition. In his play the characters vocalize the unthinkable in the most carefree manner. For example, Aunt Lemon praises the Nazis for being "ruthless and thorough." Her resignation and lack of inquiry lead to her acquiescence to evil.

It is the association between manner and meaning that is at the root of Wallace Shawn's comedy. For this he should be considered primarily a comic playwright. Even by Shawn's own criteria, *Aunt Dan and Lemon* is exceptional and unclassifiable. The closest comparison that can be made is that there is a Lewis Carroll character to do the storytelling. In her opening greeting, "Dear good people," Aunt Lemon seems to be as innocent as Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. The playwright allows her freedom of speech, even as she juxtaposes the Holocaust on household roach extermination.

The author confronts us with our closeness to self-extermination. *Aunt Dan and Lemon* is not only anti-Nazi but also anti-nuclear armament. However, that is far from obvious. The play and its characters take no observable positions. The playwright does not impose his viewpoint on the audience and allows them to draw their own conclusions.

## FOR JUST . . . \$2,000,000,000,000,

by Chris Razukas

You're in Geneva, Switzerland, engaged in sensitive arms negotiations with defense representatives of the Soviet Union. While discussing the deployment of SS-20 missiles in Eastern Europe, Soviet officials laugh and refuse to take your proposals seriously. You've lost your strategic capability, so necessary for serious diplomacy. Embarrassing? You bet, but what can you do? Sensible negotiations and diplomacy won't work here.

But wait.

Now, for a limited time only, Ron Reagan offers the ultimate solution to this unsightly problem:

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Say goodbye to those days of playing second fiddle to Stalin! How much would you pay for this? Good relations with Western Europe? The support of the American people?

But wait, there's more!

For a limited time only, Ron Reagan is offering, with every MX, a free Stealth bomber. Costing well over a half trillion dollars to develop, the Stealth bomber is the answer to all those little worries. Flying unseen in the skies of the world, this is just the plane you'll want to immolate Moscow in a firestorm of nuclear devastation. They'll never see you coming, and they sure as hell won't see you going!!!

Now, how much would you pay? Safety? Security?

Wait, there's even more to come. Just when you felt that the nuclear arms race was getting out of control, Ron Reagan is offering a system that will guarantee that no weapon will ever touch down on your soil. Yes, it's the Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as the Star Wars plan. Using high technology, only available in the United States, and involving a drastic militarization of space utilizing particle beam weapons mounted on satellites, this system will guarantee that no missile will ever make it onto your amber waves of grain. Yes, put those dreary "Day After" stories in the burner!

Now, how much would you pay? The GNP of the United States? Society itself?

Wrong!!!

This MX missile system, the Stealth bomber, and the Star Wars system could all be coming your way for only the sacrifice of all federal aid to farmers and students, and the complete elimination of the Social Security System!!! And order before midnight tonight and receive this special gift . . . a U.S. Government hammer, sold to the airforce for \$700. Don't hesitate to order. Send all hope for a better world to: Lead the World to the Brink, Mr. President, c/o Ron Reagan, The White House.

Don't delay! Any hesitation could result in a sudden realization of reality.

## God Bless Us Everyone!

by Barbra Trukawinski

What is Christmas all about? For some, Christmas is trees decorated with lights, tinsel and ornaments. For others, Christmas is running around doing last minute shopping. To some mothers, Christmas is wrapping presents for all the relatives and friends, making cookies, and cooking, and cleaning up after a big Christmas dinner. To most teenagers, it is having time off from school. Christmas for children is believing in Santa Claus, wondering if they are going to get what they asked for, hanging up stockings, leaving milk and cookies for Santa and his reindeer, and getting up early on Christmas day to open their presents. To some fathers, Christmas is paying bills that are "sky high."

What happened to the real meaning of Christmas? Has it been forgotten in all the busyness, or do people know the true meaning of Christmas? Christmas is a holyday for Christians to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is not how many presents you get or how much they cost. Christmas is the spirit of giving; just as God gave us Christ, he wants us to give of ourselves.

## FISTICUFFS?

by Ross Shaw

Fights and more fights! Is it really as bad as that at Bishop Ford? I say no because there aren't many reports of serious fights. Can it be that Mr. Fernandez is making a mountain out of a molehill? Maybe, but he is only doing his job, and he enforces the rules that will keep the school in order. Fighting is not the answer. Everyone in this school should learn how to relate to others like civilized people . . . without having to use their fists.



## MIKE "BOSS" HARDMAN SPEAKS

by Maria Summers

Michael Hardman is a very busy guy. During his four years at Bishop Ford, he has been a member of the backpacking club, the chess club, the yearbook staff, manager of the boys' basketball team, part of P.I.C., a homeroom representative, on the senior activity council, and, above all, stage manager of the tech crew.

When asked what he would like to see changed at Ford,

maybe thanks to him, Michael responded, "We need more school spirit!" Michael has definitely shown spirit and dedication.

When it comes to technical work, everyone in the school relies on Michael, better known as Mickey. The present is only the beginning of a dream for him. He is planning to go to college and then to become a stage manager on Broadway.

We wish you the best!



Relaxing from the pressures of command.

## Student Spotlight: JEANNIE DOPMAN



Jeannie Dopman on film.

by Gaetano Castellano

Interviewing Jeannie Dopman (Captain of Volleyball) I had a lot of fun and found her to be very friendly. She is a young lady who always gives all she's got, giving moral support to her teammates. Jeannie is not only an excellent player of volleyball, she is also a starter on and the captain of the basketball team. When asked how she felt about the volleyball team, she answered, "I feel that the volleyball team will do well in the playoffs; the girls on the team work extremely hard and are a lot of fun to be with."

Besides her athletic ability, Jeannie is also doing very well academically, keeping a 93% average and staying on the honor roll. She is also involved in other activities: she is a homeroom representative, a senior leader, she is in the tutoring club, the N.H.S., the N.B.H.S., student activities, and an official in intramurals.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE . . .

by Michelle A. Fontenelle

Famines, earthquakes, droughts, volcanic eruptions, a series of plane crashes, the AIDS epidemic. What does it all mean? Many people are asking this and other questions such as, "Is God punishing us?" or "Is the end of the world really near?" There are various indications that the end may truly be near.

Others are pointing to a two-thousand-year cycle (for example, the two thousand years from Moses to Jesus). It is now approaching two thousand years since the birth of Christ. Something seems destined to happen.

On a Sunday past, the gospel was about the end of the world. Only the Father will know when the time has come. Yet, the situation the world is in seems to indicate the end may be in the not-too-distant future.

Our Lady of Fatima spoke to the three children, telling them to tell the world to say the rosary. It is through the saying of the Rosary that Russia will be converted. Our Lady has been appearing to Veronica Leuken of Bayside, telling her that her warning has not been heeded. Our Lady has told Veronica that the chastisement is near. She has said the first part of the chastisement will be man made.

Imagine: In a society in which we are afraid of death, we hold our lives by strings. Why is it that we are capable of annihilating the world? We have the nuclear power to destroy ourselves. The destruction of the world will come about because of man. These things are just indicating to us how we should try to lead the best lives we can: "For you know not the day nor the hour."

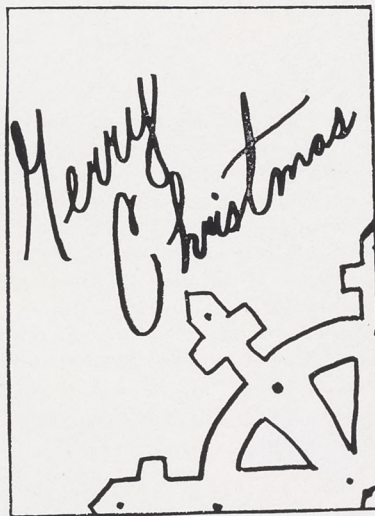
## In Heavy Rotation

by Ross Shaw

**Romance 1600** is an album written, produced and performed by Sheila E. "A Love Bizarre," which is sung by Sheila E. and Prince, is a great song with a different beat. It's featured in the movie **Krush Groove**. The song, which shows Sheila's real talent is "A Bedtime Story," which is only three minutes long but fills the album. This album is good, but if you don't like Prince, it's not for you. Overall, the album is good but not great.

Phil Collins' **No Jacket Required** is fantastic. **Sussudio** was the first to hit the charts and went to number one in three weeks. It is a very upbeat and fast-tempo album with songs such as "Don't Lose My Number," "Inside Out," and "Take Me Home." **Long, Long Way To Go** is a duet with Sting, another very popular rock star. It is a great album from a man who has been around for many years. This is an album everyone can enjoy.

If you like romance, Freddie Jackson's **Rock Me Tonight** is for you. **Rock Me Tonight** was number one for many weeks. This album is the first from a man who was a computer programmer. The album features "Rock Me Tonight," "You Are My Lady," and "Calling." If you like slow music, it's worth the money.



## Faculty Focus: Miss Scavuzzo

by John Trindade

One of the youngest teachers at Bishop Ford is Miss Scavuzzo of the math department. She was born and raised in Brooklyn in an Italian neighborhood. For her education, she attended neighborhood schools. She went to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary School, St. Stephen's High School, St. Francis College, and New York University. She has been teaching at Ford for six years. She scored over a thousand on her S.A.T. and maintained a 95 average in high school.

Miss Scavuzzo is a sports fan. She enjoys playing and watching track, basketball, tennis, paddleball and many other sports. She moderates girl's track at Bishop Loughlin. They were city champs for two years. She also moderated girl's track at Ford. She jogs two miles, four times a week, when she is feeling ambitious. Miss Scavuzzo also enjoys going on vacations and taking the sun on a beach in St. Thomas.

Miss Scavuzzo was asked,

"What particular class do you like to teach and why?" She responded, "All. I like teaching students." She has taught freshman algebra, sophomore geometry, junior trigonometry, analysis, calculus, and computers in her six years at Ford. She taught for two years at Kingsborough, and started this year teaching remedial math at Brooklyn College.

Miss Scavuzzo and Mrs. Gerdes have been writing an eighth-grade textbook to be used in the state of California. They have been working hard since June and they said it is fun. They are writing this textbook to show how much freshman should know before entering high school.

Mr. Mingrone said, "Miss Scavuzzo is one of the most popular, competent, and well-respected teachers here at Ford." Miss Scavuzzo always wanted to be a teacher since she was in elementary school. Miss Scavuzzo ended the interview by saying, "It is a challenge to try to get students to understand and appreciate math."



Miss Scavuzzo

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## ROVING REPORTER ASKS

by John Trindade

What is your New Year's resolution?

"To study harder."

Eileen Daly, 104

"To try to see the person I love the most."

Richard Iacono, 207

"To make the honor roll for the next three quarters."

Alana Swords, 213

"To have more confidence in myself."

Kathy Tsilimparis, 214

"To win the lottery."

Anthony DeSantis, 303

"To get my grades up."

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"To get into the college of my choice."

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"To lose weight."

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"To have a better year than I had before."

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"To pass calculus."

Joe Vassalo, 411





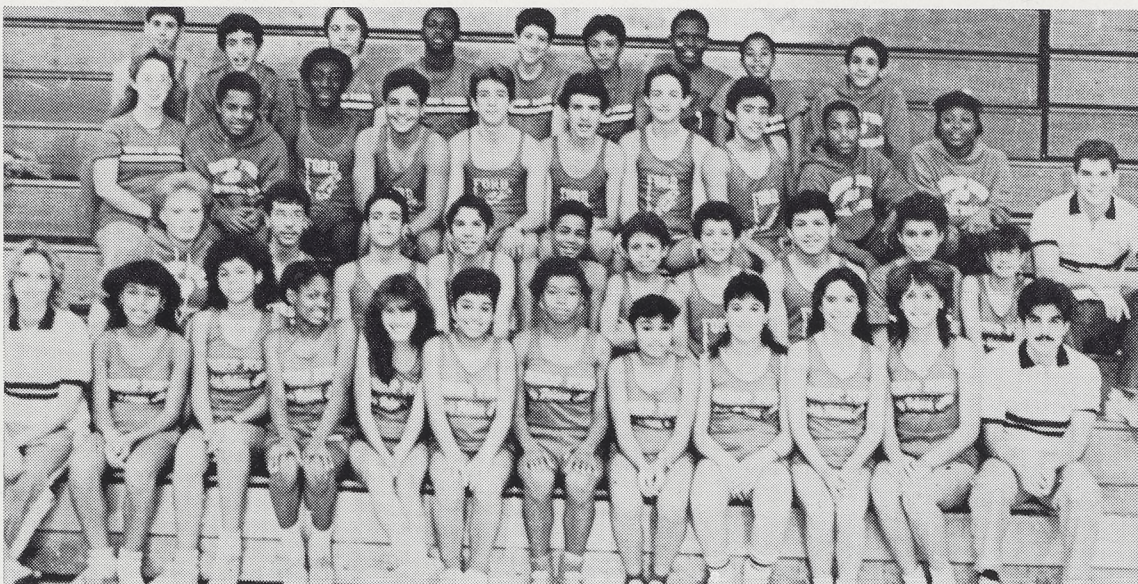
## Soccer Team Finishes Year

by Gaetano Castellano

This year's varsity soccer team is a young one with new players who are training very hard. With the help of Coach John Dilgen, the team has shown a lot of improvement, winning four of their last five games and playing very well up to their last game of the playoffs. Coach John Dilgen is not only an excellent coach, he is also a great friend off the field; he always gets the team spirit up when the chips are down. Being in a hard division, the soccer team ended with a record of 5-7, playing the best teams in the city.

The biggest game of the season was against Xaverian, whom the Falcons defeated 4-1. The two captains, Ronnie Rutigliano and Dermot Brennan, always get the team psyched-up for every game, and on and off the field show great leadership. The lineup is: Dennis Coughlan, Ronnie Rutigliano, John Brennan, Jim Phelan and Jason Sabastino. The midfielders are Erik Fargie, Gaetano Castellano and Matt Malone; and the forwards are Dermot Brennan, Vito Pesce and Ernesto Castelluccio. The soccer team got a great deal of help from subs Mark Connolly, Sal Lombardo, (best known as "Rodney"), Rafael Torres, Greg Butler, David Ortiz, who always gets playing time, and last but not least, sophomore Mike Tsombanidis, who has a lot of talent.

## Track Team Triumphs



For the eleventh consecutive year, Bishop Ford has won the Boys' Frosh Brooklyn Champs. This year a new tradition has begun: For the first time ever, the girls' frosh track team has captured the Brooklyn Champs and the Diocesan Champs. Members of the freshman track team pictured above, left to right, front row): Coach Dolan, Cindy Butler, Michelle Maldonado, Melissa Baptiste, Angela Gonzalez, Marisol Ortiz, Raina Lazarus, Salmari Ortiz, Connie Valdes, Eileen Garcia, Mariam Carcel, Coach Vazquez. Second row: Margie Murphy, Eric Tobio, Fernando Torrez, Richard Nieves, Carlos Vega, Fernando Gonzalez, Kenneth Serrano, Carlos Salas, D. Molina, Ivelise Ortiz, Coach Lanzetta. Third Row: Christine Hunt, Andy Sarrazin, Stephen Adegbite, Antonio Hernandez, Anthony Romano, Joey Pira, Jimmy Hancock, John Velazquez, Stuart McLeod. Top row: Tommy Shashaty, George Whittaker, Raphael Echevarria, Anthony Budd, Jeff Moa, Robert Foye, Gregory Paul, Mel Swanson, John Giallanza. Camera shy: Liz Carmona, Charise Hall, Coach Ward.

## Girls' Volleyball Season Ends

by Josephine Diorio

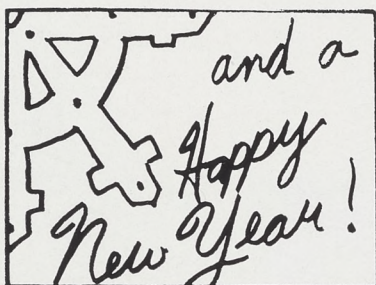
The girls' volleyball team have had a **fantastic** year! On Nov. 12, 1985, they proved how good they were by beating St. Edmund's and taking the title of Brooklyn Champs.

The Falcons had an impressive game average of 12 wins and two losses. With the encouragement of Miss Moffat and "Fighting-Falcons" Captains Tara Zarccone, Jeannie Dopman and Colleen Donahue, other seniors Teresa Stuto, Dina Prostanio, (juniors) Valerie St. Rose, Kathy Dolan, Maria Gnerre, Debbie Alexis, (sophomores) Gina Lynch, Margaret Killien, (freshmen) Rochelia Fabian, Tara McCool, and Kelly Dolan, it's no wonder that they have such an impressive record.

Unfortunately the volleyball team lost to St. Francis Prep. in the Brooklyn/Queens Champs on Nov. 17, but grabbed second place in the diocese.

The Falcons should be proud of their record, just as we are.

On the weekend of Nov. 23 and 24 the volleyball team is going to the metropolitan playoffs. If you can, go down to cheer our team.



## Varsity Basketball On The Move

by Heather Bowen

It's that time again, and this year's Falcons are ready to go. Returning from last year's girls' varsity basketball team will be seniors Colleen Donahue, Jeannie Dopman, Karen McGee; juniors Heather Bowen, Daniella Coleman, Jackie Galletta, Angela Jones, Ann Marie Martorelli; and sophomores Margaret Killen and Eileen Long. The newest members are junior Amy Purpura and freshman Tara McCool.

After having a tough season last year, these true athletes are ready to fight back and reach their goal of a winning season. Coach Patti Moffatt is also very determined to push her team to the top. The girls are going to have the opportunity to exercise their talent at a Christmas tournament in Syracuse.

Also, for the first time, a girls' junior varsity team will be welcomed to the C.H.S.B.A. and Bishop Ford's athletic department. Miss McGee (oops!), I mean **Mrs. Mayrose**, will be coaching this young and energetic team.

The varsity girls will be having their first non-league game here at Ford on December 6, at 5:45 P.M., against St. Mary's Manhattan. They opened their season at Ford on December 11 against Mary Louis. The team and coach Moffatt hope to see many fans cheering them on this season as they shoot for the stars.



## All-Stars Go To Empire State Games



Top Row (left to right): Pat Burke, Dave Sislo, Gaetano Castellano, Coach Vazquez, Jeannie Dopman, Joe Hayes, Greg Markle, Anthony Markle, Brian Lang, Jack Halaby, Tom Shashaty, Coach Nash, Gino Goyco. Bottom Row (left to right): Felipe I. Pantoja, Carl Johnson, Jimmy Shashaty, Adrien Gonzales, Peter Aquilone, John Gallagher, Brian Nash, Jim Phelan.

by Gaetano Castellano

The Empire State Games are held every year; this year's games were held in Buffalo. Anyone who is still in high school can try out for the scholastic division, and if you have graduated from high school, there is an open division. There are six regions competing against each other, and New York City is one. Every athlete who competes at these games is the best in the State of New York. It's very hard competing and practicing for these games.

At this year's games there were nineteen athletes who represented Bishop Ford, including two members of our faculty, Coach Ray Nash (who coached the scholastic team) and Coach Vazquez (who competed in track and field with Coach Dolan). The students who competed in various sports were Jim Phelan, Brian Lang, Dave Sislo, Anthony Markle, and John Gallagher, Jim Shashaty, Felipe I. Pantoja, Tom Shashaty, and Greg Markle, Gaetano Castellano, Pat Burke, and Peter Aquilone.

## Ford Takes Co-Champs



Baseball photo from the archives.

by Daniella Coleman

The varsity baseball team ended their fall season victoriously by claiming the titles of Brooklyn Champs and Co-Brooklyn-Queens Champs in the Xaverian Tournament.

The team consists of seniors Matt Digripoli, Phil DelRocco, Lou Cretella, Jason Gonzalez, Mike Mancussie, Sal Digrando, Vinnie Maetta, John Torres, Dave Baimdi, John Rafferty, Ralph Amitiano, and juniors Glen Butler, Jack Halahy, Kevin Maher, Steven Loesch, Vito Cirone, John Dempsey, and Peter Volpe.

Led by Coach Pete Iulo, their constant hard work and dedication gave them a 9-1 record for the season and a chance to face St. Francis Prep. for Brooklyn-Queens champs.

The three game series against St. Francis Prep. was

constantly a close one. After losing the first game, Ford played extra hard to come back and win the second with the score Ford 2 and St. Francis Prep. 1.

The third and final game was an intense one. Ford was losing 2-0. With the team playing extra hard they managed to gain two runs and tie the game to become Co-Brooklyn-Queens Champs.

Coach Iulo and the team members are proud of their fall season and believe they will do just as well in the spring season.

Tommy Maken and Liam Clancy will give their eighth annual concert in the Bishop Ford auditorium on Saturday, March 8, 1986.